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## Children's Integrated Services Open Agenda Call Questions and Answers @ CIS Financing/Request For Proposals March 17, 2010

Regarding the CIS cost allocation plan: Email questions to Karen Garbarino @ karen.garbarino@ahs.state.vt.us

- How will the 3% reduction impact the amended grant contract through October? The decrease will be 3% and will be reflected in the amended contracts.
- Will there be training dollars in the RFP? It will be at the discretion of the community on whether there are funds set aside in their proposal.
- How will eligibility be open to all when global commitment/MCO dollars will be used?
   Through global commitment we are required to ensure that the majority of children we serve are on Medicaid and this provides the flexibility to serve all children. We will have to collect data on children on Medicaid to provide assurance that we are serving a large portion of children on Medicaid
- Is CDD talking with the health department and looking at the Blueprint for Health?
   Yes
- What other services will be included in the RFP? At a minimum it will be the three CIS services: Family support and Nursing, CDD's ECFMH (former CUPS) funding, Part C and it will also include the specialized childcare funds. The work involved with specialized childcare may require a dedicated staff person.
- Who determines the awards of the RFP? There will be a team identified to review the RFPs and a numerical rating will be used with a scoring sheet to rate each RFP.
- Data System Update: Using ARRA funds to develop the web-based data system. An RFP was awarded to a company out of Maine – BDMP. They are currently in the process of analyzing what the current system is for data collection. They are also interviewing other agencies to discuss the system they are using.
- How will the impact of regions that go "over budget" for HBKF impact the RFP?
   Regions will have a total allocation to provide CIS services and will be expected to manage their budgets appropriately.

- Did the family support pilots inform the allocation process? Yes
- Can we find recent poverty rates? It appears that the data used is old. We will look
  into that.
- What does it mean that you are putting in all the "CUPS" funding? CDD funding for ECFMH treatment was managed by DMH for FY 2010, while the CDD ECFMH consultation and education funding was managed directly by CDD. The CDD ECFMH treatment funding will return to being managed by CDD and be included in the RFP.
- If other funds are going to be included in the RFP when will the regions know? *CDD* should know in a few weeks.
- When looking at current funding, in regions where they may be under spent it is
  typically because families were not available, cancelled appointments or other
  issues prevented them from fully participating. How is this being considered? We
  will look into this.
- Are the Early Intervention requirements only for the Part C eligible children? Yes
- Is Part C's Payor of Last Resort funding in the RFP? No Part C POLR funds are separate and not part of the RFP